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Vukmir and Sanfelippo introduce Victim Prevention Package

MADISON, Wis. – State Sen. Leah Vukmir, R-Brookfield, and State Rep. Joe Sanfelippo, R-New Berlin, have introduced legislation that focuses on reducing violent crime.

The Victim Prevention Package emphasizes a two-pronged criminal justice approach that equally values alternatives to incarceration and ensuring violent offenders are not victimizing our communities. Our priority is to keep our neighborhoods safe from violent habitual offenders.

"Shockingly, over 39% of violent criminals return to prison following their release for prior conviction. We must not allow repeat offenders to continue terrorizing our communities," Sanfelippo said.

"This is a quality of life issue, and it is unacceptable for families to feel unsafe in their own homes and communities."

The criminal justice initiative contains several bills that address the growing number of violent crimes committed in Wisconsin. Every new violent crime creates a victim that our criminal justice system has failed.

"The rise in violent crime is alarming and requires action," said Vukmir. "My priority is to reduce the threat of those who continually commit violent acts and endanger others. Reducing the number of victims is a goal we can all get behind."

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Sen. Vukmir represents the <u>5th Senate District</u> which includes the city and town Brookfield, Elm Grove, New Berlin, Wauwatosa and West Allis.

Rep. Sanfelippo represents the <u>15th Assembly District</u> which includes most of West Allis and the northern half of New Berlin